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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Notani, et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 2161  
Examiner: T. Dixon  
  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING  
COLLABORATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN  
ENTERPRISES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to the patentability of the present application, or that these references qualify as prior art.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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Respectfully submitted,

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